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PRODUCTION PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES PRODUCED THEREBY, AND TEST SYSTEM FOR CARRYING OUT YIELD-RATE TEST IN PRODUCTION OF SUCH SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 9, 2005

Sir:

This is a "Request for Continued Examination" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the provisions of which do not apply to:

- (1) A provisional application; (2) An application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) An international application filed under 35 U.S.C. §363 before June 8, 1995; (4) An application for a design patent; or (5) A patent under reexamination.
- This Request for Continued Examination is being filed prior to the earliest of:
  - (1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under \$1.313 is granted; (2) Abandonment of the application; or (3) The filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. §\$ 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.
- The enclosed document is being transmitted via facsimile.

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Enter as part of the present submission:

- An After Final Amendment previously filed on , under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the present application.
- A Reply is attached hereto. Claim fee(s) are calculated as set forth below:

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The required fee under 37 C.F.R.  $\S$  1.17(e) as required by 37 C.F.R.  $\S$  1.114 when the RCE is filed, is enclosed herewith:

- \$395.00 small entity
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- The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of one (1) month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). The fee has been calculated as shown below:
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- Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$910.00 for the applicable filing fee, additional claims fee, and/or extension fees.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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